December 8, 2000

Re: 00-0729

Dennis Higgins, Chairman Ford County ETSB 200 W. State St., Rm. 104 Paxton, IL 60957-1183 Theresa P Larkin Illinois Bell Telephone Company 555 E. Cook St., Fl. 1E Springfield IL 62721

James R Hargrave Asst. Vice President-Reg. & Govt. Affair Verizon North Inc. & Verizon South Inc. 1312 E. Empire St. (ILLLARA) Bloomington IL 61701

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of the Memorandum from the Hearing Examiner to the Commission regarding recommended action at the Bench Session on December 6, 2000. The Order presented to the Commission was entered with no changes and therefore, is not enclosed.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Caton Chief Clerk

DMC:bjs Enclosure

Docket No.: 00-0729 **Bench Date:** 12-06-00

Deadline: N/A

MEMORANDUM_____

TO: The Commission

FROM: John D. Albers, Hearing Examiner

DATE: November 17, 2000

SUBJECT: Ford County, Illinois

Petition for Approval of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number System.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter an Order granting the petition.

Ford County, Illinois seeks the Commission's approval of a modification to its 9-1-1 emergency telephone number system plan. Petitioner seeks to modify its plan by adding that portion of the Kempton, Piper City, Roberts, and Paxton exchanges that lies in Iroquois County to the area served under Petitioner's Plan. No new agreements with fire, medical, or police service agencies are required. Staff supports the petition. The attached Order approves the modification, finding that the proposed modification is reasonable and appropriate. No petitions to intervene were filed in this proceeding. Nor was a hearing held in this matter.

JDA